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§12–312.

(a) The Department may act as necessary or desirable to carry out a State plan of enforcement under the Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards Act.

(b) The authority of the Department under subsection (a) of this section includes the authority to:

(1) contract with or accept grants from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the National Conference of States on Building Codes and Standards, their successors, or other similar organizations with respect to the enforcement of manufactured home standards and perform the undertakings and conditions of the contract or grant;

(2) engage in factory inspection and quality control monitoring of manufactured home manufacturers in the State and outside the State with respect to manufactured homes to be sold in the State or, if on a reciprocal or cooperative basis, not intended for sale in the State;

(3) train and accredit local enforcement agency personnel with respect to manufactured home construction and safety standards and manufactured home installation;

(4) inspect manufactured homes in the possession of dealers or otherwise distributed in the State, to:

(i) verify that the federal certification is proper for the intended zone; and

(ii) ascertain any damage in transit that affects compliance with construction or safety standards or constitutes a safety hazard;

(5) establish procedures to ascertain, report on, and correct complaints and reports of defects from or to dealers or users of manufactured homes;

(6) conduct on-site inspection of the installation of manufactured homes, require a permit or other evidence of approval of the on-site installation, and charge a fee to cover costs although these functions may be performed by a local enforcement agency that employs accredited inspectors; and

(7) require manufactured home dealers and manufactured home park operators to allow entry and inspection of manufactured homes for purposes of this subtitle and submit reports for purposes of this subtitle.

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